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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CANADIAN CITIZEN

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON REPORTS KIDNAPPING OF CANADIAN CITIZEN IN ETHIOPIA. ON BEHALF OF GOC WHICH IS HAVING TROUBLE COMMUNICATING WITH ITS EMBASSY IN ADDIS, DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CANADIAN EMBASSY WHICH EMBASSY IS REQUESTED DELIVER ASAP.

2. QUOTE ETHIOPIA KIDNAPPING: PLEASE GIVE FLASH UPDATE ON SITUATION INCLUDING MOVEMENTS OF DENNISON BY PHONE IF POSSIBLE (996-8885). UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE PROVIDED FUNDS TO VIKING REP DENNISON.

3. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH VIKING COIN OTTAWA WHICH HAS AUTHORIZED PROVISION OF RANSOM. NEXT OF KIN BEING INFORMED.

4. GRATEFUL PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF LOCATION OF KIDNAPPING AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RELOCATION.

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5. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE, AS SPECIFIED IN GUIDELINES (PSI LET 751 MAR 23/76), CONTACTED ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND ASKED THEM TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS FOR PROTECTION OF CANADIAN CITIZEN.

6. ASSUME YOU WILL AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO ANY DIRECT

OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INSURGENTS,
WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF COMPANY, WHO
PERSONNEL, OR IF APPROPRIATE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

7. WE REGARD YOUR PARTICIPATION THIS EVENT AS ACT OF
CONSULAR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
COMPANY REP HERE TO ALLOW COMPANY TO ACT AS IT PREFERS IN
PAYMENT OF RANSOM.

8. IF APPROACHED BY PRESS YOU SHOULD DECLINE COMMENT AND
REFER ENQUIRIES TO OTTAWA. YOUR ROLE IS TO FACILITATE COM-
MUNICATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON BEHALF OF VIKING CO AND WITH
ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES AND WHO AS APPROPRIATE. ACTION
SHOULD BE CONFINED TO NORMAL CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES AND
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT RPT NOT TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS
WHICH ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIVATE FIRM. THIS PARA IN
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